

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP MEMORIALIZING
CONGRESS TO CHANGE FEDERAL LAW TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS'
ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CDBG FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion, through local posts, provide a host of invaluable services to veterans in New Jersey and all across the United States, including benefits assistance, career services, financial assistance, homeless outreach, and comforting and support services; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts also provide several important services for local communities, including various youth, educational , and patriotic programs, as well as scholarships; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts have also served as warming and charging stations for the public during emergencies such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene, and have provided shelter to people in need; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the critical services provided by VFW and American Legion posts to veterans and the public, some posts may be deemed ineligible for federal Community Development Block Gran (CDBG) funding for public facilities and improvements under current federal Housing and Urban Development regulations; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco has submitted letters to New Jersey's congressional delegation calling for changes to federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding, which the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive supports; and

WHEREAS, given the extraordinary contributions of our veterans, both during and after their military service, it is altogether fitting and proper for the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive to memorialize its congressional representatives to seek change to federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion Posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive hereby supports the efforts of Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco and respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States revise federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the Congress of the United States elected thereto from the State of New Jersey.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Council at a duly convened meeting held on

Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk